

"Approved by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency Board on July 9, 2008"

**CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING**

**WESTMINSTER, CALIFORNIA
June 23, 2008**

The City Council/Agency Board of the City of Westminster, California convened on June 23, 2008 at 6:05 p.m. in an Adjourned Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

6:00 P. M.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Rice called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

PRESENT: RICE, QUACH (arrived at 6:35 p.m.), FRY, MARSH (arrived at 6:33 p.m.),
TA

ABSENT None

SALUTE TO THE FLAG: Council Member Fry

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - None

1. Review of Current Water Rate Structure (610-13)

Marwan Youssef, Public Works Director/City Engineer gave a PowerPoint presentation on the item.

Mr. Youssef stated that the last water rate increase was adopted on December 12, 2007 and at that time Mayor Pro Tem Quach requested that the water rate structure be reviewed within six months.

Mayor Rice asked for clarification on the debt service. Finance Director, Paul Espinoza responded by saying that the Council issued a 1997 Series A Certificate of Participation for water system improvements and tank repair. He informed the Council that two months ago he came to Council with a refunding program to refund the City's outstanding debt issues, which included Redevelopment, Civic Center and Water debt.

Ray Silver, City Manager informed the Council that 9% of each water bill goes towards paying the bonds.

Mayor Rice suggested that the "Outside City Surcharge" be increased, because it hasn't been updated in awhile.

Mayor Rice feels that the City's third tier rate is much higher than surrounding Cities.

Mr. Youssef handed out the Orange County Grand Jury Report to the Council. He explained that the Grand Jury is requesting that cities and agencies establish conservation pricing such as the Tiered System.

Mr. Youssef informed the Council that at the July 9, 2008 meeting staff will recommend that the City take a water conservation action which will consist of a 10% reduction in water usage.

Council Member Marsh asked why water rates are being discussed and not the water rate structure. He asked Paul Espinoza, Finance Director whether or not he had a chance to gather the information he requested.

Paul Espinoza, Finance Director handed out a spreadsheet that outlines the Revenue from June 2007 and May 2008.

Council Member Marsh asked where the usage figure is on the spreadsheet indicating the volumes used by each category. Mr. Espinoza stated that the spreadsheet only illustrates overall usage by percentage based on revenues.

Council Member Marsh stated that he requested the volumes of water coming out of each category and what the dollar amount was for each of those categories, so he can determine whether or not they are being overcharged or undercharged. He feels that apartment owners are using more water than single-family residents and that's why he wants a breakdown of usage.

Mayor Pro Tem Quach asked Mr. Youssef whether or not there is something that encourages water conservation or reclamation within the Development Standards of the Municipal Code. Mr. Youssef responded by saying that he will look into it and let him know.

Mr. Youssef asked the Council whether or not they would like to have a consultant come in and analyze the water structure? They responded by saying no and explained that they would rather have the City do it.

Council Member Marsh requested that a written report be submitted to Council with the information he requested on water usage within three weeks.

2. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS

Mayor Pro Tem Quach congratulated the Mayor on the great success of the Mayor's Ball.

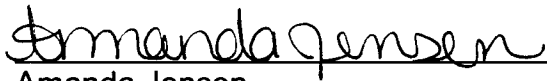
Council Member Fry said that he enjoyed the Mayor's Ball.

Council Member Marsh stated that he enjoyed the Mayor's Ball and all of the raffle prizes that he won.

Council Member Ta said that the Mayor's Ball was great and that he enjoyed the entertainment.

Mayor Rice thanked everyone who attended the Mayor's Ball. She also presented Council Member Ta with a year service pin with the City and announced that the City Manager, Ray Silver received his year pin earlier. The Mayor informed everyone that there will be another fundraiser on July 18th at the Rose Center and invited everyone to attend.

COUNCIL/AGENCY ADJOURNMENT: At 7:02 p.m.



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